

Frequently Asked Questions

What do I do if I need to reschedule my visa interview appointment?

If you cannot keep your scheduled visa appointment, please notify this office by email at support-india@ustraveldocs.com . We will give you further information on how to reschedule your appointment.

Who can attend my visa interview?

Generally, you may not bring anyone else, other than a U.S. citizen or Legal Permanent Resident relative who has petitioned for you, to your interview. We do make the following exceptions to this policy:

- Applicants under age 18 may be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Elderly applicants or applicants with disabilities may be accompanied by a helper.
- Applicants who do not speak English, Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tibetan or Tamil may bring an interpreter.

What should I carry to the interview?

You should bring only the required documents in an unsealed plastic bag or folder. Mobile phones and most purses/bags are not permitted. We do not provide a facility for storage of any other items.

Am I guaranteed a visa?

We cannot guarantee in advance that your visa will be approved. Do not make any travel arrangements, dispose of your property, or give up your job until you have received your visa.

How will I receive my visa?

Your appointment letter lists the pick-up location you chose when making the appointment. You will receive an SMS and email when your visa is ready to be collected. You must bring an original government-issued photo ID and a photocopy of the ID to collect your visa. More information is available at: <http://www.ustraveldocs.com/in/in-loc-passportcollection.asp> .

What will my visa look like?

The visas will be affixed inside your passport and you will be given a sealed envelope with additional documents which should be carried in your hand luggage, **UNOPENED**, to the United States and submitted to the immigration inspector at the U.S. port-of-entry

How long will my visa be valid for?

Your visa will generally be valid for six months or until the date your medical exam results expire, whichever is shorter.

How quickly do I need to apply for my visa?

You generally have one year to pursue your visa application from the date we notify you to start the application process. The appointment letter serves as the official notice. Your immigrant visa registration and petition will be cancelled if you fail to apply within one year of receiving this letter. If you are required to submit additional documents after your visa interview, you have one year to submit those documents or your immigrant visa registration and petition will be cancelled.

What if a family member wants to apply for their visa later?

If you have a family member who qualifies to immigrate now but intends to stay in India longer than you, bring the following documents to your interview:

1. Original birth certificate for your family member, as well as a clear photocopy and an English translation
2. One passport-size photograph of your family member
3. Passport or other government-issued photo identification for your family member

Your derivative family member may come in for an interview with all required documentation when s/he is ready to immigrate to the United States.